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PRESS RELEASE

Tulare County Superior Court Announces Plans to Re-Open Public Service Counters

After months of limited operations in response to the surge in COVID-19 cases and the Governor's regional stay at home order that went into effect December 6, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, announced today plans to re-open public service counters, by appointment only, beginning April 1, 2021.

In addition to the public service counters, the Self Help Resource Centers in both Visalia and the South County Justice Center will also begin accepting appointments for in person service on April 1st.

The public may visit the court's website at www.tularesuperiorcourt.ca.gov for information on how to schedule an appointment in the appropriate division/department.

In-person service remains available, without an appointment, at the South County Justice Center, located at 300 East Olive Avenue, Porterville, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Drop box options continue to be available to facilitate regular court transactions.

The court is currently hearing all calendar types, including reinstating Traffic and Small Claims court. In March, jury trials were resumed on a limited basis with recommended protocols and safety measures in place. The court remains committed to the safety of court staff, bench officers, attorneys and the general public. Jury assembly rooms and the trial courtrooms are equipped with protective equipment to minimize risk of exposure during the jury trial process.

“We are excited to gradually make progress toward a full re-opening of the court and being one step closer to full access for the people of Tulare County. We have worked diligently to balance access and public safety in our efforts to slowly expand services to pre COVID levels”, said Court Executive Officer, Stephanie Cameron.

General access to the courthouse remains limited to only those individuals conducting court business, pursuant to general order 20-03. Parties are encouraged to appear remotely, when possible, and to take advantage of e-filing and online services to conduct court business. The court will continue to assess the situation and will make further operational adjustments as appropriate. The public should check the court’s website for updated information.

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